

HOW CHRISTIANS GROW

In Beginning English
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INTRODUCTION

This book is for people who are learning English. The words and sentences are short. This should help you understand the lessons.

The writers want you to know about God. They want you to know about living for God. And, they want you to understand what you are learning. This is why the book was written.

In this book, you will learn how Christians grow. You will learn about baptism. You will learn about Bible study and prayer. You will learn about the Holy Spirit. You will learn about living a holy life. You will learn many things about the Christian way.

Your pastor or teacher will help you learn. They want you to know about God. They want you to understand how Christians grow. So ask them for help. Ask them about the things you do not know. Ask them about the things you do not understand.

God loves you very much. He wants to be your God. He wants you to learn about Him. You can pray to God. You can ask Him to help you. He will help you understand. He will help you learn.

1 YOU CAN GROW AS A CHRISTIAN

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:18

You are now a Christian. This is **wonderful!** You have made the most important **decision** of your life!

Or it may be that you are not a Christian yet. But, you can be. You can choose Jesus Christ as your own Savior. You can do it now! Ask your pastor or teacher to help you.

A new believer needs to learn about the Christian life. He or she needs to understand more about living a holy life. These lessons are to help Christians grow.

We have learned about God and His plans for us. We have learned that we worship the one true God. He created our world and He lives forever. God is holy and loving. He hears and answers our prayers. He is a **triune** God. Through Jesus Christ, God shows us who He is.

We have learned that the Bible tells us about God. It tells us about good and bad people. It tells us how God forgives our sins. It tells us how to live in a **difficult world**.

We have learned that God will judge us after death. We will go to hell if we are sinners. We will go to heaven if we are Christians. God wants us to live in heaven with Him.

We have learned that Jesus Christ is God. He came to earth. He showed us how to live. He died as the sacrifice for our sins. Then, He came back to life after He died. Believers are looking for Jesus Christ to come again.

Now, we will learn more about living the Christian life. We will learn more about the Holy Spirit. And we will also learn about our church life.

Yes, we can grow as Christians. God wants us to grow. The Bible says, "... grow in the ... **knowledge** of ... Jesus Christ. ..."

(2 Peter 3:18)

QUESTIONS: *Fill in the blanks.*

1. A new believer needs to _____ about the Christian life.
2. We worship the one _____ God.
3. God hears and _____ our prayers.
4. The _____ tells us about God.
5. We will go to hell if we are _____.
6. We will go to _____ if we are Christians.
7. We learned that Jesus Christ is _____.
8. _____ are looking for Jesus Christ to come again.

Answer YES or NO. Circle the right answer for you.

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| 9. Are you a Christian? | YES or NO |
| 10. Is Jesus Christ your Savior right now? | YES or NO |
| 11. Do you want to learn about the Christian life? | YES or NO |
| 12. Do you want to grow as a Christian? | YES or NO |

WORD LIST

1. **grow as a Christian** (*verb phrase*): to learn more about the Christian life; to be more like Jesus Christ
2. **wonderful** (*adjective*): great; very, very good
3. **decision** (*noun*): what you decide to do; what you choose to do
4. **triune** (*adjective*): God is God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
5. **difficult world** (*noun phrase*): not easy to live in; hard to live in; a world full of sin and wrong
6. **knowledge** (*noun*): what a person knows; what a person has learned